

**PATENT**

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the first Office Action, dated December 3, 2008, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated on the following pages: